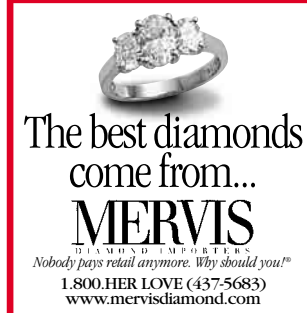


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WORTH A SHOT: Vincent Arcaini, 76, gets a free flu shot Wednesday in Pennsauken, N.J. Health officials fear this cold-and-flu season may be especially rough for hospitals, as doctors mistake the flu for SARS.

An Epidemic of Confusion

Even without an outbreak, CDC fears SARS worries will swamp U.S. hospitals

ATLANTA | Fear over the possible return of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, is so great in the United States that even if the virus does not appear, it will probably cause disruptions in hospitals this winter, top U.S. health officials say.

CDC and other health officials say emergency rooms could be swamped with suspected cases of the disease.

"Whether the virus comes back this win-

ter or not, we will be dealing with SARS," said Dr. James Hughes, director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "When people start showing up with respiratory diseases, physicians will be thinking of SARS."

Health officials are worried that doctors with limited SARS experience could easily confuse early SARS symptoms with the flu. To clarify matters, the CDC is working on a plan for doctors and hospitals to prevent outbreaks.

SARS emerged in China last November, but it was not until the spring when researchers identified it as a new kind of virus. (AP)

Arnold Embraces New Role

Governor-elect vows to fix finances without new taxes

LOS ANGELES | California's Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger said Wednesday that he was promised "a very smooth transition" by ousted Gov. Gray Davis and vowed that he and his advisers would "open up the books" as they tackle California's ailing economy.

In his first news conference since the election, Schwarzenegger reiterated several themes from the campaign trail, insisting that he will not raise taxes and pledging to be a governor of the people. But he provided few specifics and said his transition team will develop a plan in the coming weeks about how to close a deficit of at least \$8 billion.



Schwarzenegger

"What we have to do is ... do the audit and find what the waste is," he said.

Schwarzenegger said he had spoken with an array of leaders, including Nelson Mandela of South Africa and President Bush, who he said promised to do "whatever is possible to help California." Schwarzenegger said he intended to ask Bush for "a lot of favors."

The Republican actor will be sworn into office by mid-November, becoming California's 38th governor. ERICA WERNER (AP)

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silent *Hamlet* or a ghost walk? And will Taste of D.C. kick the derriere of "French Genre Painting"? **WEEKEND PASS** | **13-20**

EyeOpeners



LITERATURE

Short Stories

You might need your reading glasses for some of the books on display at the 55th annual Book Fair in Frankfurt, Germany. The featured participant this year is Russia, which included a set of tiny micro books among its offerings displayed on Wednesday. In all, 6,611 exhibitors from 104 countries will participate in the event, which is scheduled to last until next Monday. (AP)

MICHAEL PROBST/AP

COMMERCE

Pieter's Playhouse

A German bar is offering women who want to go shopping without their partners the chance to park them at what it bills as the country's first kindergarten for men. For \$11.80,

the Nox Bar in downtown Hamburg is offering boys' games and home-improvement coaching, as well as a meal and two beers for men left there for a Saturday afternoon, while women are left free to shop in the city's swanky boutiques. (AP)

HEARSAY | CAUGHT

"A body part when it's up against a plastic cup isn't going to go 'clink.'"

— **TOM MADIGAN**
OF THE LUBBOCK CO., TEXAS, ADULT PROBATION OFFICE, ON DISCOVERING THAT FIVE MEN USED A DEVICE CALLED THE "WHIZZINATOR" TO DISPENSE SYNTHETIC DRUG-FREE URINE TO PASS COURT-ORDERED URINALYSIS TESTS.

CELEBRATIONS

Getting His Kicks

Georges Buttner-Clevenger can't escape the fact that he turned 66 last year — the road signs won't let him. Buttner-Clevenger is jogging historic Route 66 from Chicago to

DRUG WAR

Pot-pourri

Potheads, take heed: If you're trying to mask the smell of 170 pounds of marijuana plants in a 100-degree apartment, one Glade air freshener won't cut it. Five college students and another man were arrested in Chicago Sunday night after police learned of the pot from an anonymous tip. "Once you got off the elevator you could smell it," Officer Jeannette O'Brien told the Chicago Sun-Times. (EXPRESS)

Santa Monica in six months and six days as part of an extended birthday celebration. He's been trying to cover six miles in the morning and six miles in the evening and is set to finish the 2,448-mile trek on Sunday at 6:06 p.m. (AP)

GOVERNMENT

Danger From Above

It's not the pigeons outside City Hall that are causing grief for Philadelphia officials — it's what they've left behind. As part of a project to restore the building, City Hall workers have carted away 13 tons of pigeon droppings, a task that's cost the city \$112,000 so far, the Philadelphia Daily News reported. "We have areas within the cast iron where it's literally two feet thick,"

Nan Gutterman, the project's architect, said. (EXPRESS)



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POWER COUPLE: California Governor-Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver wave to supporters after declaring victory late Wednesday. Schwarzenegger told reporters Thursday he's not sure whether he'll live in Sacramento full-time.

Career Politician Davis Loses Popularity Battle

LOS ANGELES | Gray Davis was never a beloved figure, not even after five statewide election victories over a 30-year career. Swept out of office on a tide of voter rage, he likely fell victim to his own aloof personality and his cautious political style.

The practical reasons given for Davis's downfall include California's gaping budget deficit, once as high as \$38 billion, the tripling of the car registration tax, and the electricity crisis that caused rolling blackouts.

Davis's career probably crested in mid-2000, when California was riding high on the high-tech economic bubble and his name was floated as

a possible future contender for the White House.

The career politician has not mentioned whether he plans to resurrect his political career again. In his concession speech Tuesday night, Davis promised a smooth transition.



Davis

"I am calling on everyone in this state to put the chaos and the division of the recall behind us and do what's right for this great state of California," he said. TOM CHORNEAU (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Californians went to the polls in higher numbers than in any gubernatorial election since 1982, with election officials estimating between 65 and 70 percent turnout of registered voters.

Recall: Autumn of Voters' Discontent

Davis ouster shows incumbents aren't safe when public's unhappy

WASHINGTON | If a political rookie from Hollywood can oust a two-term governor, perhaps no incumbent is safe. The recall in California, where voter discontent made political history, gives hope to challengers everywhere.

Even as Democratic and Republican strategists cautioned against assigning broad national implications to Gov. Gray Davis's demise, they said the recall campaign has reinvigorated a decade-old strain of disenchantment that incumbents must face — or fall to.

Strategists said the recall did complicate Bush's re-election bid.

White House officials worry that Schwarzenegger will founder as he wrestles with California's budget deficit and a Democratic legislature. It might have been easier to run against the wildly unpopular Davis, they say. Now the president's fortunes are linked to a new governor who enters the statehouse with a 45 percent unfavorable rating and accusations of sexual misconduct hanging over his head.

Democrats and Republicans took one lesson from Davis's demise — a bad economy hurts an incumbent who doesn't deal with it.

"What we're going to see is incumbent governors — Republicans and Democrats — being much more cautious and worried about inflaming public opinion," said Democratic pollster Doug Schoen. RON FOURNIER (AP)

Arnold's aftershocks: Examining the effect of Schwarzenegger's recall win on politics in California and around the country | washingtonpost.com/recall

NBC to Mull Shriver's Post-Recall Role

NEW YORK | Maria Shriver will huddle soon with NBC News executives to decide how her job as a correspondent will change now that she's about to become California's first lady.

Shriver, who works primarily for "Dateline NBC," was on an unpaid leave of absence during the campaign, where she stumped with husband Arnold Schwarzenegger and defended him against allegations

that he had groped other women.

"She's not going to report on California politics nor anything that a Governor Schwarzenegger might have to make a ruling on," NBC News President Neal Shapiro said Wednesday.

Shapiro declined to comment on whether Shriver would have to give up all political reporting, saying he wanted to speak to her about it first.

He said he was confident that Shriver wouldn't do anything to put NBC News in a difficult ethical position, noting she has dealt with these issues in the past. Shriver, a niece of former President John F. Kennedy, has avoided stories that involve the Kennedy family.

Broadcasters, and particularly NBC News, have dealt with these issues before. NBC's political correspondent, Andrea Mitchell, is married to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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Nation

White House: Iraq Never Disarmed

WASHINGTON | President Bush, facing growing doubts about his handling of postwar Iraq, launched a new public relations campaign to convince Americans his course is the correct one. His national security adviser insisted Wednesday that Saddam Hussein harbored ambitions to use unconventional weapons — even though none has been found.

Condoleezza Rice told a foreign policy forum in Chicago that the team led by chief U.S. weapons hunter David Kay “is finding proof that Iraq never disarmed and never complied with U.N. inspectors.”

In fact, she suggested, if the U.N.

Security Council knew last winter what Kay’s group has uncovered now, it never would have rejected the U.S. call for war.

Rice’s speech was part of the administration’s effort to combat suggestions by critics that Kay’s group had essentially come up empty-handed despite three months of looking for illegal weapons.

Kay’s team found no actual weapons, although he reported to Congress last week that there was evidence that Saddam still intended to produce such weapons and had retained the capability to do

SO. TERENCE HUNT (AP)

LIBERTY BELL | ON THE MOVE



ONE LAST PHOTO: Tourists in Philadelphia get a final snap with the Liberty Bell on Wednesday before workers prepare to move it Thursday to a new pavilion less than 1,000 feet away. The bell is famous for summoning residents to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Do-Not-Call List to Accept New Numbers on Thursday

The national do-not-call list will resume accepting phone numbers Thursday from people who do not want to be bothered by telemarketers. The FTC said Wednesday that consumers can register home or cell phone numbers with the free government service by visiting the Web site www.donotcall.gov or calling (888) 382-1222, beginning Thursday at 8 a.m. EDT. (AP)

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Former First Lady Briefly Hospitalized After Fall

Former first lady Lady Bird Johnson was taken to a hospital emergency room Wednesday after a fall at her home but was released shortly afterward. Johnson, 90, who uses a walker, fell backward, her spokeswoman Betty Tilson said. The widow of former President Lyndon Johnson was taken by ambulance to Seton Medical Center as a precaution and released within a couple of hours. (AP)



Johnson

ROSWELL, GA.

Governor Wants Ability to Contract With Faith Groups

Gov. Sonny Perdue said he will propose a constitutional amendment next year that would give Georgia new power to contract with faith-based organizations to provide services to the needy. Georgia already has contracts with hundreds of such groups but the contracts may be on shaky legal ground and subject to challenge because of language in the current constitution. (AP)

FBI Bugged Philadelphia Mayor's Office

Street's staff suggests surveillance could be politically motivated

PHILADELPHIA | Federal law enforcement officials on Wednesday confirmed that listening devices found in the offices of Mayor John F. Street were planted by the FBI — a discovery that touched off a political furor just weeks before Election Day.

Three federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, acknowledged that the FBI was responsible for the bug, but refused to comment on whether the Democratic mayor is a target of an investigation or to provide any details about the nature of the probe.

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a

Democrat, and Sen. Arlen Specter, a Republican, were among several politicians who called on the FBI Wednesday to tell the public what it knows about the eavesdropping equipment, found Tuesday.

The bug was found during a routine sweep of Street's office by police. Street is locked in a bitter rematch against Republican businessman Sam Katz, and the campaign has been marked by charges of threats and race-baiting. Election Day is Nov. 4.

At a meeting with reporters Wednesday, Street said for the second day that he didn't know who bugged his office or why.



Street

Street's campaign suggested the bugging was instigated by the Justice Department for political reasons.

“Is the Republican Party capable of dirty tricks? I think that is well-documented,” Street campaign spokesman Frank Keel said.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Meehan, the top federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, declined to say what federal agents might know about the bug but denied politics plays any role in his office's decisions.

“The U.S. Attorney's office in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has a long and proud history of doing its work without regard to partisan politics. That was the practice of my predecessors, and it is my practice as well,” Meehan said in a statement.

DAVID B. CARUSO (AP)

Parents Warned of Apparent Teen-Suicide Pact

DES MOINES, IOWA | Police woke the parents of nine high school students to warn them of a suspected a suicide pact a week after a 15-year-old classmate hanged himself.

Lincoln High School Principal Al Graziano said a student was overheard talking about suicide Monday night, and later told authorities that others were involved. Officers went to each student's home early Tuesday.

Many involved were freshmen and sophomores, five girls and four boys, police said. They all were friends of William Metzger Jr., a 15-year-old who hanged himself last week following a car crash that killed three of his friends on Sept. 23. The boy's funeral was Monday. (AP)

Census: Less English in U.S. Homes

WASHINGTON | Nearly one in five Americans speaks a language other than English at home, the Census Bureau says, an increase of nearly 50 percent in the past decade. Most speak Spanish, followed by Chinese, with Russian rising fast.

Some 47 million Americans ages 5 and older used a language other than English in 2000, the bureau said. That translates into the nearly one in five, compared with roughly

one in seven 10 years earlier.

There also were more people considered “linguistically isolated” because of limited English, a situation that some analysts say can prevent people from assimilating fully into American society.

The Spanish-speaking population rose by 62 percent over the period to 28.1 million; slightly more than half also reported speaking English “very well.” (AP)

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

The top languages other than English spoken at home by people 5 and older, according to the 2000 Census:

- 1 Spanish: 28,101,052 people
- 2 Chinese: 2,022,143
- 3 French: 1,643,838
- 4 German: 1,382,613
- 5 Tagalog: 1,224,241
- 6 Vietnamese: 1,009,627
- 7 Italian: 1,008,370
- 8 Korean: 894,063
- 9 Russian: 706,242

HEARSAY | FRIENDS

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NATION

Good Night's Sleep May Restore, Enhance Memory

Getting a good night's sleep before a big exam might be better than pulling an all-nighter. A study found that sleep restores memories that were lost during a hectic day. It's not just a matter of sleep recharging the body physically; researchers say sleep can rescue memories in a biological process of storing and consolidating them deep in the brain. The finding will be published in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*. (AP)

Pakistan Lobs New Test Missile

Launch comes amid simmering tensions

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistan conducted its second nuclear-capable missile test in less than a week Wednesday, launching a medium-range rocket capable of hitting New Delhi and most other targets inside archrival India.

Friday's test was the first in Pakistan since March, but Islamabad insists the missile tests have nothing to do with simmering tensions with India. An

Army spokesman said India had been told of each of the launches beforehand.

The two countries appeared headed for peace talks a few months ago, and the silos were silent while they resumed diplomatic ties and restored bus links.

But negotiations never materialized and Pakistani and Indian leaders have recently traded accusations and insults.

Indian and Pakistani officials at the U.N. General Assembly last month engaged in their most bitter public sparring in years.

In 1998, Pakistan and India shocked the world by conducting nuclear tests, earning years of sanctions. They nearly went to war in 2002 after an attack on India's parliament that New Delhi blamed on Pakistan-backed Islamic militants. PAUL HAVEN (AP)

U.S. Mulls Iraq Resolution

Officials assess draft's chances for approval by Security Council

UNITED NATIONS | The United States is reconsidering whether to push a divided Security Council to vote on an Iraq resolution amid growing doubts about whether the measure would generate additional troops and money.

The White House said Wednesday it still believes its proposed resolution can be adopted, but U.S. officials at the United Nations said it was being reassessed.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, along with France, Germany and Russia, want a quick transfer of power to a provisional Iraqi government — but the United States and Britain say the country must first have a constitution in place and hold elections, a process that will take at least a year.

The review of the resolution follows last week's announcement by Annan all but ruling out any U.N.



ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/AP
About 2,000 Shiite Muslims marched through Baghdad streets Wednesday to demand the release of their cleric detained by coalition forces.

political role in Iraq while the United States and Britain are still the occupying powers. It took U.S. officials by surprise and raised concerns among some Security Council members.

Washington had hoped the resolution would win approval before a donors conference that starts Oct. 23.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **Several thousand Shiite Muslims** marched to coalition headquarters to demand the release of a cleric arrested for "anti-coalition activities." Protesters hurled stones at U.S. troops before dispersing.

→ **The U.S.-led in Iraq will present a plan** to privatize the country's state-owned industries by the spring, the official in charge of the effort said.

The imam's arrest: Correspondents Theola Labbe and Rajiv Chandrasekaran chronicle the discontent that has led to Shiite protests. Today's Post: Section A

ALLIES | TONGUE TIES

"Much becomes easier when you can communicate in your mother tongue. Wish my Russian was as good."

—GERMAN CHANCELLOR GERHARD SCHROEDER REFERRING TO RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN, WHO SPEAKS FLUENT GERMAN

U.S., Vietnam To Resume Flights

HANOI, VIETNAM | Vietnam and the United States tentatively agreed on Wednesday to allow the first commercial flights between the two countries since the end of the Vietnam War, an official said.

The two sides were still working out the final details, but were expected to initial an agreement

Thursday, according to an official from Vietnam's Civil Aviation Administration who participated in the talks. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Vietnam's relations with the United States have broadened since a bilateral trade agreement went into effect in December 2001. The pact has significantly increased two-way trade, but negotiators have been unable to reach an agreement on air travel. (AP)

CHINA | CELESTIAL DREAMS



NATALIE BEHRING-CHISHOLM/AP/GETTY
SPACEBOUND: An ad featuring an astronaut is seen through the window of a subway in Beijing on Monday. China plans to launch its first human being into outer space on October 15 in a 90-minute flight that will orbit the earth once. If successful, China will become the third nation to send a man into space.

In Brief

ZIMBABWE

200 Protesters Arrested in New Crackdown on Dissent

At least 200 trade union activists were arrested Wednesday for participating in protests against soaring prices and high taxes in the latest crackdown on dissent. Those arrested had violated the sweeping Public Order and Security Act, a police spokesman. Under that

law, all public gatherings must be approved in advance by authorities, and officials said the trade union did not seek permission for the march. (AP)

GERMANY

9/11 Suspect Appeals for Access to Key Figure in U.S.

Lawyers for a Moroccan man accused of aiding the Hamburg cell of Sept. 11 hijackers appealed Wednesday for a court to press U.S. authorities for the testimony of top

al Qaeda suspect Ramzi Binalshibh. Attorneys for Abdelghani Mzoudi argue that without the testimony of Binalshibh, a Yemeni believed to be the cell's key contact person with Osama bin Laden's network, their client is being denied a fair trial. Mzoudi is charged with 3,066 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization for allegedly helping the hijackers. The U.S. Department of Justice rejected the court's request for Binalshibh's testimony in September. (AP)

SPAIN

29 Separatist Suspects Held

Spanish police arrested 29 suspected members of the Basque separatist group ETA on Wednesday and police in France arrested another five, Spain's Interior Ministry said. Spanish Interior ETA has claimed or been blamed for more than 800 deaths in its more than 30-year campaign of bombings and shootings aimed at carving out an independent homeland in northern Spain and southwest France. (AP)

SWEDEN

Prosecutors Seek to Extend Detainment of Lindh Suspect

Prosecutors want the main suspect in the stabbing death of Foreign Minister Anna Lindh detained another two weeks. Mijail Mijailovic was arrested Sept. 24, two weeks after Lindh was stabbed while shopping in a Stockholm department store. He has not been charged, though police said a DNA analysis of the knife has strengthened their evidence against him. (AP)

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"Over the next few weeks, Dr. Ann had Terri seen by several specialists. As we went through the whole process, I found myself depending on her not just for medical support, but for emotional support.

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World



Explosives experts inspect the site of a car bomb that exploded in a black-market shopping area in Bogota on Wednesday, killing six people and injuring at least 12.

Colombia Blast Kills at Least 6

Police haven't ruled out leftist rebels for bomb in shopping area

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA | A car bomb exploded Wednesday in a black-market shopping district in downtown Bogota, killing at least six people and wounding a dozen more.

The explosion was the first to hit the Colombian capital since another car bomb blew apart an exclusive club in February, killing 36.

Leftist rebels were accused of setting off that bomb, but authorities were not so quick to assign blame for Wednesday's attack.

The bomb, packed inside a

Jeep, went off as two police officers approached it after residents complained about the vehicle, said Bogota's police chief. The blast killed both policemen.

The attack occurred in San Andresito, which is filled with electronic, clothing and liquor stores. Many of the goods are contraband. Police said members of a right-wing paramilitary group have recently been extorting shopkeepers.

Authorities, however, did not discount that rebels might be responsible for the attack. Rebel groups have been fighting a succession of elected governments in this South American country for 39 years.

CESAR GARCIA (AP)

Iran Seeks To Ease Fear Over Nukes

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran's president said Wednesday his government will do everything it can to allay concerns about its nuclear program as long as such efforts do not entail a threat to the nation's security.

The International Atomic Energy Agency has given Iran until the end of the month to prove it has no plans to produce nuclear weapons. The U.N. watchdog has also called on Iran to sign an additional protocol to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation

Treaty, providing IAEA inspectors with unfettered access to any site. Hardline members of Iran's ruling hierarchy have called for a withdrawal from the treaty.

"We are ready to do everything that does not damage our national security, ... even accepting the additional protocol," President Mohammad Khatami said.

He did not explain in which circumstances IAEA access might be limited by national security concerns. ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)



WHO KNEW? Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, and Iran have disputed the division of the Caspian Sea — which has the world's third-largest oil reserves — since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

World

Israel Locks Down Palestinian Areas

Forces move into territories as Arafat's health questioned

JERUSALEM | Trying to prevent another terror attack during the Jewish holidays, Israel enforced an open-ended lockdown of Palestinian towns Wednesday and ordered two more battalions into the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



Arafat

The closure was extended as questions arose over the health of Yasser Arafat after he appeared in public looking haggard and disoriented. Advisers denied a report he has suffered a mild heart attack, saying Arafat — the leading champion

of the Palestinian cause over four decades — is weak from a stomach flu.

Over the weekend, the 74-year-old Arafat installed an emergency Cabinet, apparently aiming to block Israeli action against him in reprisal for a suicide bombing by Palestinian militants.

Ahmed Qureia, the new Palestinian prime minister, presided over the first meeting of his eight-member emergency Cabinet on Wednesday. Qureia's success is key to efforts to salvage the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan. It has been mired for months with neither side carrying out key requirements. KARIN LAUB (AP)

Arafat: Correspondent Molly Moore reports that he has appeared unusually weak lately. Today's Post: Section A

AFGHANISTAN | DUST UP



RICHARD VOGEL/AP

ON GUARD: A German soldier patrols the outskirts of Kabul Wednesday. Fighting erupted between rival warlords on Wednesday, just as a deal was signed between the Afghan government and the United Nations that paves the way for teams of soldiers to disarm militia loyal to warlords.

Bid to Oust Tung Fails in Hong Kong

HONG KONG | Lawmakers voted down a motion calling on Hong Kong leader Tung Chee-hwa to step down Wednesday.

The motion was defeated 31-21 in the Legislative Council, which is dominated by pro-Beijing and big

business lawmakers who side with Tung, a former shipping tycoon.

Anti-Tung sentiment crested on July 1, when a half-million people marched against a proposed national security law that many in Hong Kong viewed as a threat to their civil liberties.

Tung had to backtrack on plans to pass the anti-subversion law and put it on hold indefinitely. (AP)

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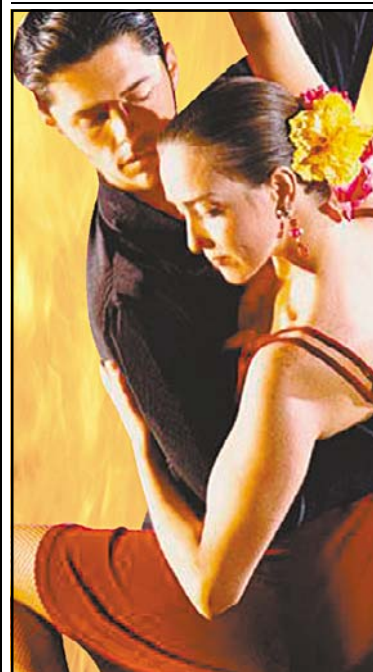
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Region

Task Force Links Two More Fires

10 blazes in Md., D.C. have been connected by on-site evidence

WASHINGTON | The task force investigating a string of suspicious fires in the Washington area has interviewed more than 100 people and developed a list of several dozen potential suspects, officials said Wednesday.

The announcement came as the list of suspicious fires in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Md., since March 5 grew to 30, with ten conclusively linked by evidence found at the scene.

"We have some physical evidence that is very promising," said Prince George's Fire Chief Ronald D. Blackwell.

One of the fires added to the list occurred Wednesday in the 1300 block of Otis Street NE. Four people were in the home when the fire started, but they all escaped unharmed. A Sept. 10 blaze on Dix Street NE was also added.



Prince George's Fire Chief Ronald Blackwell discusses the latest fire.

The Dix Street fire was also added to the list of fires linked by evidence, as was an attempted arson on Sept. 14 on Anacostia Avenue NE. Blackwell said members of the task force believe Wednesday's fire is likely linked to the others, but are awaiting lab results before saying for certain. MARTY NILAND (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Tree debris from Hurricane Isabel has been processed into 18,000 tons worth of mulch in Montgomery County, according to the country's Department of Public Works and Transportation.

Montgomery Smoking Ban Is Upheld

Judge rejects late bid made by restaurants

ROCKVILLE, MD. | A ban on smoking in bars and restaurants will go into effect as scheduled Thursday in Montgomery County after a judge rejected a last-minute bid to put the law on hold.

Montgomery Circuit Court Judge Patrick Woodward ruled Wednesday that the lawsuit filed by restaurant owners opposed to the ban was not strong enough to warrant a preliminary injunction blocking implementation of the law.

That means restaurants and bars in the county will have to prohibit

patrons from lighting up under one of the state's strongest anti-smoking laws meant to protect restaurant workers and non-smoking customers from second-hand smoke.

County leaders hailed the ruling. County Executive Douglas Duncan said health officers have already distributed fliers to restaurants and bars instructing them on the new law.

"We felt all along we had a strong case," he said. "We are going to implement the law tomorrow."

Private clubs, such as golf courses



Duncan

es and veteran groups that sell alcohol, are exempt from the law. In their lawsuit, the restaurant owners claim that distinction is unfair and violates the Constitution's principle of equal protection.

Restaurants have also worried the new law will drive patrons who want to smoke to nearby jurisdictions like Washington and the surrounding counties, draining them of their business. "We will suffer irreparable harm," said Claude Andersen, corporate operations manager for Clyde's Restaurant Group, a plaintiff in the case.

The lawsuit will still go forward without the injunction.

STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

Metro Unveils First Automatic Toilet

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Metro riders now have a place to answer the call.

The transit system unveiled its first readily accessible public toilet Wednesday at the Huntington station on the Yellow Line. The self-cleaning facility will be at the northern Virginia station for a year as part of a pilot project.

"Every 30 minutes it closes down" for a complete automatic washing, Exeloo President Philip Harman said. Exeloo built the device, which has spray jets locat-

ed at various points and dryers near the floor. The toilet seat is cleaned automatically after every use.

A flashing green light indicates the toilet is vacant. The door opens and closes at the push of a button, while another button leads the retractable toilet seat to emerge from the wall. Still another button dispenses toilet paper. A sink dispenses water and soap, and there is a hand dryer. All the while, the customer is soothed by piped-in music. MICHAEL W. KAHN (AP)

MPD, EPA Launch Probes Into Ballou

WASHINGTON | District of Columbia officials said Wednesday the Metropolitan Police Department and the federal Environmental Protection Agency's criminal investigations branch are each mounting independent probes into the spilling of mercury last Thursday at Ballou High School. (AP)

Hot topic: For more on the ongoing investigation of the Ballou mercury spill | washingtonpost.com/metro

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Money

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Nokia Investigating After Two Cell Phones Catch Fire

Nokia will investigate why two of its mobile telephones caught fire and injured their users in the Netherlands, the company said Wednesday. The Dutch consumer board demanded an investigation after a woman's face was burned and a boy was injured in the leg.

Sylvie Nooijens, of Nokia's Dutch public relations firm, said the company will look into possible technical faults in the batteries. Nokia also re-circulated a statement warning consumers against using batteries from other manufacturers. (AP)

Napster's New Debut

Brand name reborn as pay-for-music service

LOS ANGELES | The Napster name, once synonymous with the digital song-swapping bazaar that incensed the recording industry, revives Thursday as an Internet music store that will go head to head with such competitors as Apple's iTunes Music Store and MusicMatch.

Santa Clara-based Roxio Inc., which bought the rights to the

Napster name for about \$5 million, has shelved its former online music service, pressplay — which offered access to songs for a monthly fee — and plans to move subscribers to Napster 2.0 beginning Thursday.

It will be available to the general public within a month, according to sources familiar with the plans.

Chris Gorog, Roxio's chairman and chief executive, declined to offer details Wednesday about Napster 2.0's pricing and any usage restrictions on downloaded music.

ALEX VEIGA (AP)

GAMES | DO NOT PASS GO



NOT PLAYING AROUND: Demonstrators gathered at an Urban Outfitters in Philadelphia on Wednesday to protest the "Ghettoopoly" board game sold by the retail chain. The game features "playas" acting as pimps and cards reading: "You got yo whole neighborhood addicted to crack. Collect \$50."

Vivendi, NBC Seal Merger Deal

NEW YORK | After months of negotiations, NBC is getting its prize: Membership in the Big Media Club.

NBC, a unit of General Electric Co., sealed a deal to merge with the entertainment businesses of cash-strapped Vivendi Universal, the companies said Wednesday, creating a media conglomerate in the same class as giants like Viacom Inc. and Walt Disney Co.

The new company, to be called NBC Universal, will have a leading broadcast network, the Universal movie and television studios, 14 local TV stations, an array of cable networks including USA, CNBC and Bravo, and interests in five theme parks. SETH SUTEL (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ColeNatI	20.69	+8.30	+67.0
Amersham	53.41	+7.39	+16.1
EAndinA	9.96	+8.3	+9.1
Avaya	12.36	+9.8	+8.6
Fedders	6.76	+5.1	+8.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Biovail	25.20	-3.85	-13.3
99 Cents	29.44	-3.96	-11.9
vjUSG	15.72	-1.96	-11.1
GtArPc	7.61	-.80	-9.5
vjGrace	3.22	-.33	-9.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GWilli n	2.84	+.68	+31.4
IstaPh rs	9.76	+2.11	+27.6
ConcertSft	11.90	+2.55	+27.3
Aware	3.89	+.77	+24.7
ChipMOS	2.69	+.50	+22.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CSG Sys	9.28	-6.22	-40.1
CurHlth	13.69	-4.60	-25.2
OptionCr	9.26	-2.97	-24.3
MooreHd	2.61	-.47	-15.3
UtdOnln	30.12	-5.08	-14.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.1875
3-month	0.88	0.92
2-year	1.62	1.45
10-year	4.24	3.93
30-year	5.16	4.89

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6015	.6018	.6437
Canadian Dollar	1.3331	1.3308	1.5955
European Euro	.8468	.8493	1.0225
Japanese Yen	109.57	109.79	124.26
Mexican Peso	11.2970	11.2430	10.1350
Taiwanese Dollar	33.76	33.79	35.01

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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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BankOne	40.48	...	+10.8
Bk of Am	80.34	-.01	+15.5
Barclay	34.28	+.49	+38.8
CredSuisse	33.02	+.40	+55.2
DeutschBk	64.16	-.14	+41.2
HSBC	70.14	-.77	+27.6
JPMorgCh	35.61	-.48	+48.4
LloydTSB	28.90	-.43	+1.1
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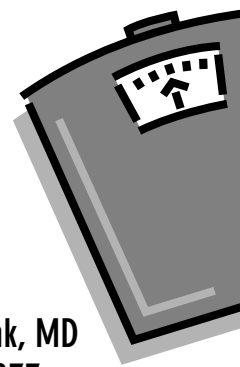
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Sports

The Curse of the Redskins

Injuries are common for teams who face Washington this year

PRO FOOTBALL | When the Washington Redskins play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday, it's the Buffalo Bills who should beware.

Why? Because the Bills are Washington's next opponent, making them ripe fodder as the next victims of the Curse of the Redskins. Just ask the Jets, Falcons, Giants, Patriots, Eagles — and now the Buccaneers.

Tampa fullback Mike Alstott is out for the season. Joe Jurevicius is out this week, and fellow receiver Keyshawn Johnson is "very questionable," and cornerback Brian Kelly probably won't play.

"Quite honestly, it's hard to produce a game plan not knowing the status of so many players who have played key roles," Tampa coach Jon Gruden said.

That's the story the Redskins



Tampa's Mike Alstott was injured Monday night — the latest result of the curse.

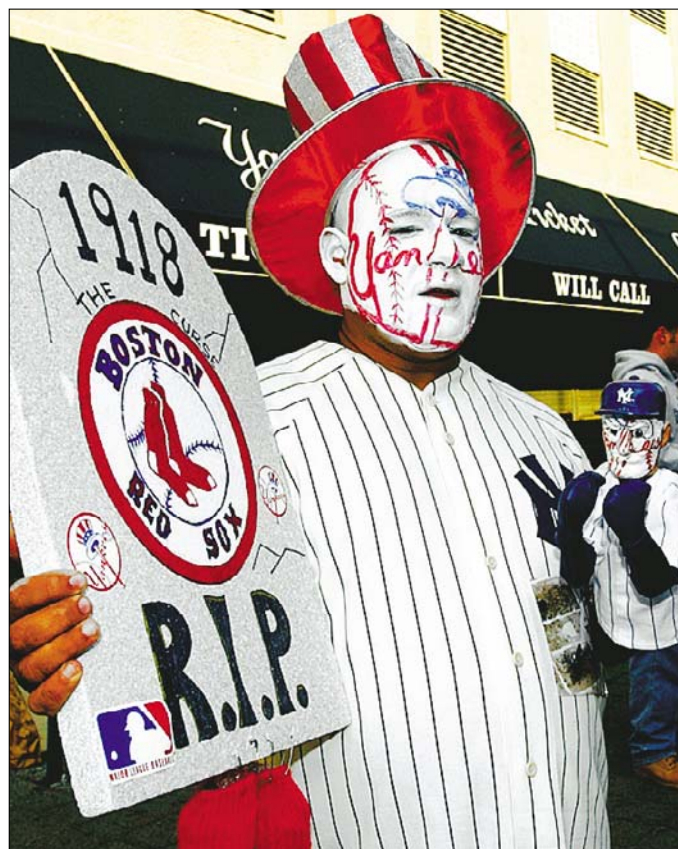
have heard all year.

In week 1, the Jets came to town without Chad Pennington, who broke his wrist in preseason. Atlanta didn't have Michael Vick in week 2. Two weeks later, the Patriots were missing nine opening-day start-

ers, including three linebackers. Last week, the Eagles didn't have the three Pro Bowl players in their secondary. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Forward thinking: Mark Maske previews Sunday's game at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveline.

PLAYOFFS | MAD HATTER



THE ESSENTIALS: William Arroyo makes his allegiances known before New York played Boston Wednesday. ♦ **Scores:** washingtonpost.com/sports

Arrington Lays Down Challenge To Bucs' Sapp

PRO FOOTBALL | Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington looked directly into the TV camera and delivered a message to Warren Sapp. "Sapp," Arrington said. "I'm going to get you."

Arrington challenged the Pro Bowl defensive tackle Wednesday as the Redskins were preparing for Sunday's game against Sapp's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The linebacker said he'll take issue if Sapp comes on Washington's side of the field during pregame stretching, as Sapp has been known to do.

Arrington was then asked what will happen if the Bucs use Sapp, who caught a touchdown two weeks ago, on offense. "That's disrespectful in my opinion ... to put defensive guys on offense that are linemen," Arrington said.

Sapp laughed at the comments: "Spare me. Is LaVar jealous he can't play offense?" JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Sports

Time to 'Bury the Demon'

Capitals start season with hopes of winning their first Stanley Cup

PRO HOCKEY | The frustration Ted Leonsis unleashed at the fans and his business partner at the end of last season has subsided.

It's time for the Washington Capitals owner to focus on a new season, which means yet another valiant attempt to attract the masses to the MCI Center — not to mention another run at the Stanley Cup that has eluded the franchise in its

three decades of existence.

"What we need to do as an organization [is], like what the Red Sox are talking about, 'Bury the demon,'" said Leonsis, whose team opens its season Thursday night at home against the New York Islanders. Winning a Cup might be the only way to capture the imagination of a city that doesn't fill its arena during the playoffs.

The empty seats Leonsis saw during the playoff series against



Leonsis

Tampa Bay prompted a rare outburst from the owner, who declared that "the market has spoken."

The Capitals didn't add any big names and left Jaromir Jagr wondering whether he would be traded. There was no fire sale, though, and the team appears well-stocked at forward and goaltender.

Leonsis said he realized that the Capitals have broken too many hearts. And last year's collapse from a 2-0 series lead against the Lightning was just too indicative of what the Capitals have put their fans through. **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**

In Brief

HIGH SCHOOLS

Three Va. Coaches File Suit Against Player's Parent

Three high school girls' basketball coaches filed a defamation lawsuit against a player's parent who tried to get them removed by questioning their coaching tactics and alleging physical abuse. The suits were filed by Rockbridge County High School girls' basketball coach Mike Hamilton and two assistants against Roger Koehler of Lexington, Va., the father of a junior who has played on the varsity team.

Hamilton, James Clark and Stephanie Tyree are each seeking \$1.35 million in damages and claim that Koehler carried out "a systematic pattern of public attacks" from September 2002 to May 2003. **(AP)**

PRO FOOTBALL

Elway, Sanders Among List Of Hall of Fame Candidates

John Elway and Barry Sanders, both in their first year of eligibility, are among 67 people nominated for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Selectors will choose 23 semi-finalists who will be added to two carry-over candidates: Harry Carson and ex-Giants executive George Young. The list will be announced in November and then be reduced to 15. A final vote will take place on Jan. 31, 2004 place. **(AP)**



Elway

Bryant to Join Media in Courtroom for Hearing

EAGLE, COLO. | When last seen in this small mountain town, Kobe Bryant spent seven minutes in court and uttered just two words. He returns Thursday for an appearance that could be just as brief — but the two words he says might be a lot more significant.

Depending on what strategy his lawyers choose, Bryant could enter a plea of innocent Thursday to the charge he sexually assaulted a hotel worker. If he does, it will begin the legal countdown to a celebrity trial the likes of which have not been seen since O.J. Simpson was tried on murder charges eight years ago.

A gag order is in place for all participants in the case, but that hasn't stopped some 300 television, print and radio types from gathering to report — and speculate — on what fate awaits Bryant. However, cameras will not be allowed in the courtroom during the hearing.



L.A. television reporter Jai Avila (right) plans coverage of Thursday's hearing. **PETER FREDINI/AP**

Legal analysts have speculated that defense attorneys will waive the hearing because they have no chance of winning it and little chance of procuring any evidence they don't already possess.

Bryant has to appear regardless of the defense strategy. Even if the hearing is waived, he faces a bail hearing — and there is a possibility he could enter a plea during an arraignment before another judge.

TIM DAHLBERG (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

PRO BASEBALL (8 p.m. on Fox) Derek Lowe starts for the Boston Red Sox against Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees in game two of the American League Championship Series.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals start their season by hosting the New York Islanders.

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on ESPN2)

Dominik Hasek's comeback begins when the Detroit Red Wings host the Los Angeles Kings.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 p.m. on ESPN) Kentucky and South Carolina are looking for their first wins in the SEC.

GOLF (3 p.m. on ESPN) First round coverage of the LPGA's Samsung World Championship in Houston.

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Lookout

The Vicarious Victory

The world watched in wonder as Arnold claimed California

CULTURE | From his former schoolmates to world leaders, people worldwide marveled Wednesday at the almost mythical rise to power of Arnold Schwarzenegger from a young Austrian bodybuilder to the governorship of the most populous U.S. state.

Some in the tiny village of his birth said the rags-to-riches story could only have happened in what many Europeans still consider the Land of Opportunity.

"Here in Austria, he could never have achieved so much," Peter Urdl, the mayor of Schwarzenegger's hometown village, Thal, said while toasting the outcome of the election over champagne with a group of Schwarzenegger's former classmates.

"Here a culture of envy exists that prevents people from making it this far, but I don't think that envy exists in America."

The Austrian chancellor issued congratulatory messages and invited Schwarzenegger back to his native country for an official visit. Foreign Minister Benita Ferrero-Waldner lauded "his success, at



TOAST OF THE TOWN: A customer drinks a beer while watching news reports at Stern bar in Graz, Austria, on Tuesday. Arnold Schwarzenegger's friends, officials and Austrian supporters gathered there to take in California's election night.

first in sport, then professional and now political."

Schwarzenegger's stunning victory jolted even those who are not normally Arnie fans.

Congratulating Schwarzenegger, Edmund Stoiber, the conservative governor of Bavaria in neighboring Germany acknowledged never having seen a Schwarzenegger movie. But Stoiber, who narrowly failed

to defeat Germany's Socialist-led government last year, quipped that he hoped to put that right soon — and "maybe draw some conclusions about Schwarzenegger's policies."

French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said he had mixed feelings about Schwarzenegger's win, but acknowledged that it was a significant achievement.

"Someone who's a foreigner in his

country, who has an unpronounceable name and can become governor of the biggest American state — that's not nothing," Sarkozy told RTL radio.

In China, a communist dictatorship that does not elect its leaders and brooks no dissent, several Internet users posted messages on a news commentary board at the popular Web site Sohu.com.

"This cannot be imagined in China," said one, who did not sign the message.

Television news in Japan gave the Hollywood star's victory top billing, underscoring the strong Japanese appetite for U.S. entertainment and politics.

"It's the American dream," said Hideya Sugio, a news anchor at TBS, a national network.

Think tanks turned to analyzing Arnie. Erik Aasard, head of the Swedish Institute for North American Studies at the University of Uppsala, said the outcome could be explained only by voter dissatisfaction with the economy.

"The only way to explain this is not so much that Schwarzenegger is an attractive candidate — which he certainly is — but that the voters are enormously dissatisfied with the California administration," Aasard said.

Others had more critical words for Schwarzenegger — and the country that has already set the precedent of electing actors and athletes to political office.

"The best political fiction invented by Hollywood tends to be merely a prelude for reality," wrote the respected Mexican daily Reforma. "Let's all prepare ourselves to see in the capital of Sacramento — once run by Ronald Reagan — this vacuous man, this fascinating Mr. Universe whose movie titles describe him well: 'The Barbarian,' 'The Predator,' 'The Destroyer,' 'Terminator,' and 'Villain.'" VANESSA GERA (AP)

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Dance to the Music

Two innovative modern-dance troupes descend on Washington

STAGE | "I always come from music — always," Mark Morris has said about his witty, inventive, highly advanced dances set to everything from Violent Femmes, Chopin's Etudes, a toy piano, Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys or good ol' Tchaikovsky.

After 23 years, the Mark Morris Dance Group, returning to George Mason University for its annual Virginia migration, may be at the peak of its power.

This weekend's program includes a revival of Morris's signature short work, *Gloria*, set to Vivaldi's "Gloria in D." "Gloria" is like seeing the birth of the Renaissance, a thrilling transition from pious to humanist art that never escapes the grandeur of religious expression.

Also on the bill is the saucy "Going Away Party," in which three couples and a silver-clad outsider swing, canoodle and part to a suite of scratchy Wills tunes, and the D.C.-area premier of "All Fours," with music by Bela Bartok; don't miss the pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before curtain. The beer-bellied choreographer is an enchanting raconteur.

Deborah Colker's work is known

for its physical derring-do as well as its negotiation of remarkably designed stage sets.

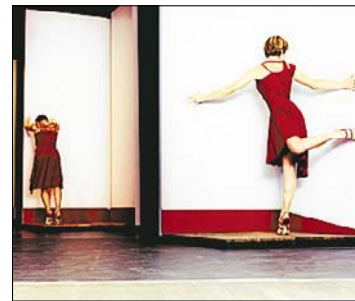
Writhing and spinning among vases, teetering on platforms or dramatically posed against painted walls, the dancers of Brazil's Companhia de Danca Deborah Colker prove to be as athletic as they are emotionally evocative.

This weekend's Kennedy Center performance features "4 Por 4," a sensual suite of dances inspired

by the works of four Brazilian artists — Cildo Meireles, Chelapa Ferro, Victor Arruda and Gringo Cardia.

GMU, Center for the Arts, Braddock Road and Route 123, Fairfax; Fri.-Sat., Oct. 10-11, 8 p.m., \$21-\$42; 703-218-6500.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu.-Sat., Oct. 9-11, 8 p.m., \$12-\$36; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



MOVING MOMENTS: Above, a moment of vibrancy and tension from Deborah Colker's "4 Por 4"; below, the 10 dancers in Mark Morris's "Gloria," in which humanism and faith collide.



MORRIS: MIKE ROYCE; COLKER: FLAVIO COLKER

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Living History: New Orleans Jazz

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Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$45; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Life After Cher: The Farewell Tour

Farewell, Cher! Buh-bye, Miss Thang! OK, 'bye now! Um, Cher? How can we miss you if you're still here, changing wigs and riding cannons and generally making us forget you ever won an Oscar? Don't go! We've changed our minds.

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., \$34.75-\$79.75; 202-432-7328. (MCI Center)



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Fine Manners: Life in 17th-century Paris is ravishingly documented at the National Gallery.

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D.C. Bites Back

The 12th annual Taste of D.C. kicks off a delicious season

OUT & ABOUT | You know the drill — three days, more than 40 restaurants, dozens of live bands. The Taste of D.C. is one of the area's most highly anticipated annual events, perhaps along with the Marine Corps Marathon, for balance's sake.

This year's Taste gathers food from some local restaurants that many Washingtonians wouldn't normally taste — price and reservations being prohibitive. But the Fine Dining Pavilion on 10th Street south of Pennsylvania Avenue will allow visitors to pull up a chair at the tables of some of our noted kitchen rock-stars. The colleagues of this year's honorary chair, Morou of Signatures, include chefs from Zola, McCormick & Schmick's, Equinox, Marcel's, Oceanaire, Tosca, Marcel's, Taverna del Alabardero and 15 Ria.

For the less peckish, there are about a million bands, acoustic



A toddler takes on deep-dish pizza, and the pizza seems to be winning.

and electric, from reggae to bluegrass, Last Train Home to the Spin Doctors. Activities for children will keep the little ones busy; those who incline more toward athletics than gastronomy can tackle the rock-climbing wall.

We'll be alternating between the wine tastings and the Avon Let's Talk Beauty mobile salon. (EXPRESS)

Pennsylvania Avenue between 7th and 14th streets NW; Sat.-Mon., Oct. 11-13, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; www.washington.org/taste. (Federal Triangle, Metro Center or Archives-Navy Memorial)

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Funny Lady: Lavin at the Birchmere

Christine Lavin is a folk singer with the keen wit of a satirist, the melodic sense of a pop idol and the big, questioning heart of ... well, a folk-singer. Armed with only an acoustic guitar, the local fave strums you down one hilarious real-life obstacle course after another with her pungent interpretations of the absurdities lurk in the hearts of men. With Front-Page Follies.

Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sat., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., \$22.50; 703-549-7500.

Best Shots: White House Photos

In 20 years of snapping presidents in their natural habitat, photographer Diana Walker has seen it all. Except for the model of the U.S.S. Missouri that Nixon made entirely out of Saltines. No one's seen that. Tonight Walker discusses and signs "20 Years of Presidential Photography."

Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Thu., Oct. 9, 6 p.m., \$15; 202-357-3030. (Federal Triangle, Smithsonian)

Picking and Grooving: Bela Fleck Gets Plucky

It's a jazz combo; it's a bluegrass band; it's a dessert topping. Bela Fleck & the Flecktones is headed up by an ace banjo-plucker but draws upon the traditions of improvisation and deep soulfulness found in old jazz.

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium; 730 21st St. NW; Fri.-Sat., Oct. 10-11, 7:30 p.m. \$31-\$35; 202-432-7328. (Foggy Bottom)



Toning their flecks, it's banjo-picking jazzoids Bela Fleck & the Flecktones.

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Online: From Oktoberfests to apple-picking farms, fall is bursting with activities. Check out washingtonpost.com/entertainment for complete event listings.

Everyday People

Schoolboy heroes and demure servants in French painting

MUSEUMS | You can have your jagged, intense contemporary art and your modernist lopsided ladies — no period in painting was so rich with the sweetly mundane nor so visually ravishing as what this touring exhibition, coming to the National Gallery this weekend, calls “The Age of Watteau, Chardin and Fragonard.”

The “Masterpieces of French Genre Painting” by Francois Boucher, Jean-Baptiste Greuze and Louis-Leopold Boilly as well as the artists named in the title are small-scale expressions of events, moments and manners in 18th-century Parisian society from washerwomen to middle-class students to high-society picnickers.

The subject matter wasn't particularly revolutionary, but the man-



THE OBSERVANT OBSERVED: Greuze's lace-bedecked “Laundress” stares back.

ner in which these subjects were treated was — girls dipping well-water were tinted with all the limpid, pink-cheeked care of a Diana at her bath, and the serene young boys engaged in solitary pursuits were given all the heroic dignity of a neo-classical idol.

More than 100 of these exquisite works have been gathered from museums worldwide for the first comprehensive survey of French genre painting.

This show includes some of art history's most sumptuous — and infamous — paintings: Jean-Honore Fragonard's inexplicably naughty “Blindman's Buff” (1750-55), Jean-Antoine Watteau's pastel portrait of a troubadour, “Mezzetin,” and Jean-Baptiste-Simeon Chardin's simultaneously earthy and ethereal “Soap Bubbles.”

The term “genre” has downscale implications, but, as this ambitious exhibition shows, respectful renderings of ordinary people are as rich with truth and beauty as the Venus de Milo. (EXPRESS)

National Gallery of Art, East Wing, Constitution Avenue between 3rd and 9th streets; exhibition opens Sun., Oct. 12; 202-737-4215. (Judiciary Square, Archives-Navy Memorial, Smithsonian)

Friday in The Washington Post

Opening Night

Finally! Put on your fine blue suit, because after a two-year hiatus, U Street's legendary Republic Gardens is back. | [Weekend](#)

Icky! And Cool!

Kid like the messy, bloody and grody, so take 'em to the Civil War Medicine Museum, where history and grodiness thrive. | [Weekend](#)

Bittersweet ‘Grapes’

John Steinbeck's “The Grapes of Wrath” hitches up the jalopy and rolls into Ford's Theatre. Peter Marks reviews. | [Style](#)

Getting Madden

Folks — OK, men — are crazy about the Madden NFL 2004 video game. The Post has tips for hardcore gamers. | [Weekend](#)

Why We Fight

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Weekend Pass



SHHH!: Hamlet gets as many lines as poor Yorick in Synetic's silent "Hamlet."

Quiet on the Set

STAGE | There are as many ways to play "Hamlet" as there are words in the play itself. For centuries, theater directors have fussed with Shakespeare in spirit while preserving the letter of the works.

What's "authenticity," anyway, when the 16th-century British playwright adapted and updated a tale of 11th-century Denmark?

With "Hamlet ... The Rest Is Silence," Synetic Theater found its own way of making Shakespeare's story resonant — no dialogue. No "Alas, poor Yorick," no "Leave her to heaven," no "The lady doth protest

too much" and certainly no "To be or not to be."

What that leaves is a narrative so riveting and focused that "The Rest Is Silence" carried away three Helen Hayes awards last year.

Synetic debuts this season as an independent company, out from under the aegis of the Stanislavsky Theater Studio. Come on out and give them a great big bloody stump. (EXPRESS)

Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington; opens Thu., Oct. 9, \$25-\$30; 202-462-5364. Through Nov. 9.

LIVE MUSIC | MR. ROBOTO



FINE AND DANDIES: You don't get to be this gorgeous without also being smart. Ima Robot traffics in "improvisational performance art," which is not to say the band is making up its electro, new-wave "wigggle-punk" as it goes along. No, sir. With punk-pop flavor of the month Hot Hot Heat. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., Oct. 10, 8 p.m., \$15; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Weekend Pass

DJs, Heroes Of the Future

OUT & ABOUT | Imagine if the future had gone another direction and now everyone had jetpacks, moving sidewalks and white antiseptic space-age homes. In that world, minimalist DJ Richard Chartier is a world-famous star.

In this world, Chartier is a rising star of the digital underground — the one populated by soundscape artists, electronica pioneers and assorted sonic misfits. On Sunday night, the D.C. native (now living in Baltimore) brings edgy bleeps, bleeps, beats and loops to the weekly event at the Blue Room known as Matter. Yes, you can dance to it.

You can also watch it. Each Sunday there's accompanying video art or a lost film classic projected on the giant screen. This week, Chartier's threatening to play his new score for the Werner Fassbinder film, "Fear of Fear," if he can wrap it up in time. Otherwise, Chartier, along with resident DJs Milo, George D'Adhemar and Mikro Mike, promise "electronic music: obscure, avant, contemporary, formative, distorted, melodic; from old German New Wave to new Japanese organic electronic composition."

Plus, they'll spin new releases from Chartier's 12k and LINE record labels — just two of the many



ANDREAS DUTZ

The spinning finger spins, and having spun, moves on; Chartier at Treatment.

projects which keep Chartier busy. Besides his three new CDs on the way, and upcoming live engagements in Europe, Chartier is recovering from his recent stay in Tokyo where he installed his sound piece "specification.twelve" at the bleeding-edge InterCommunication Center museum.

Oh, and did we mention that Bjork is a fan? True. But in the other future, no one would care.

BOB MASSEY

Matter, Blue Room Lounge, 2321 18th St. NW; Sun., Oct. 12, 8 p.m., free. (Woodley Park-Zoo)

TopStops

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Pollak Jokes: A Character Acts Up

A comedian with acting chops, Kevin Pollak is the guy whose name you know but whose oeuvre, if we may be so bold, is shockingly extensive.

The pleasant-faced, wiry-haired fellow from "the Usual Suspects" was also in Dr. Dolittle, "The Whole Nine Yards" and "The Wedding Planner." He's had two HBO specials and he's returning



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"No, I'm not Jim Belushi. And no, I'm not the guy who played John Belushi."

to standup for a weekend-long stint at our very own Improv.

Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu.-Sun., Oct. 9-12; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North)

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TUFF LOVE: Vanessa Kamp and Eric Symons call their new work — like Symons's blossom of cocktail umbrellas, above — "More Tuff." District of Columbia Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW, opens Fri., Oct. 10; 202-462-7833.

Walking the Dead

OUT & ABOUT | Washington is a pretty scary town in broad daylight, if you're anywhere around K Street on a weekday, that is. But when the sun goes down and the moon comes up, it's downright terrifying. Herein, enough ghost walks and haunted tours to keep your whole coven on the move until All Soul's Day.

Capital Hauntings Tour

In and around Lafayette Square, not everything is as it appears. (Insert joke at the current or former administration's expense here.)

McPherson Square Metro; 14th and I streets NW; Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 31, 7:30 and 10 p.m., \$10; \$5 ages 12 and under; 202-484-1565. Through Oct. 31.

The Most Haunted Houses Tour

Meaning the houses that are most haunted, including the Hay-Adams Hotel, the Octagon, and some pile on Pennsylvania Avenue at 16th.

Farragut West Metro, I Street at 17th and 18th streets NW; Weds., 6:30 p.m., \$15; \$10 ages 12 and under; 202-484-1565. Through Oct. 29.



RODNEY BAILEY FOR DECATURHOUSE

A rare apparition of the Decatur House's "phantom tourist couple."

Decatur House Hauntings

Not a safe house, this Decatur House (see it loom spookily, above). Guides describe the eerie goings-on in this popular tour.

748 Jackson Place NW; Thu., Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m., \$7:50, \$6 students; 202-842-0920, ext. 223.

Historic Alexandria Hauntings

The creme de la eek, this spooktacular tour rattles the bones of the riverside city's most famous corpse — that of the pirate Blackbeard. With luck, he may join you.

Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria, Fri., Oct. 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$7 advance, \$10 day-of; \$3 ages 12 and under; 703-838-4242. (EXPRESS)

TopStops

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Lies, All Lies: David Corn Reads

Untruth? Disinformation? Left-leaning writers prefer the L-word. The Nation's Washington editor, David Corn, reads from "The Lies of George W. Bush."

Olsson's Metro Center, 1200 F St. NW, Thu., Oct. 9, 7 p.m., free; 202-347-3686. (Metro Center)

The Disgraceful Past: Slavery in D.C.

Yes, Virginians, there was slavery in D.C. This sad reminder is brought to you by George Washington University museum studies professor Kym Rice, who'll be speaking on "Controversy of Slavery in the Nation's Capital."

Stephen Decatur House Museum, 1610 H St. NW; Thu., Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., \$20; 202-842-0920.

Bad Memories: The Exploited at Jaxx

Wow. Just wow. If the Exploited, once the hardest-core of all hard-core bands and echt "oi" punks who actually frightened punks back in the early '80s are playing with Jaxx, repository of headbanging acts on the downswing, how old does that make us? We're *still* scared of the Exploited.

Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; Thu., Oct. 9, 7 p.m., \$22; 703-569-5940.



Yikes! The Exploited are still scary, but now they're more pierced.

RAC Benefit: Friends in High Places

The Eagles and the Dixie Chicks headline a benefit for the Recording Artists' Coalition. We're not sure which segment of the entertainment industry that isn't Roy Horn needs a benefit, but when the Dixie Chicks say "Clap!" we say "How hard?"

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Sun., Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., \$55-\$85; 202-432-7328. (MCI Center)

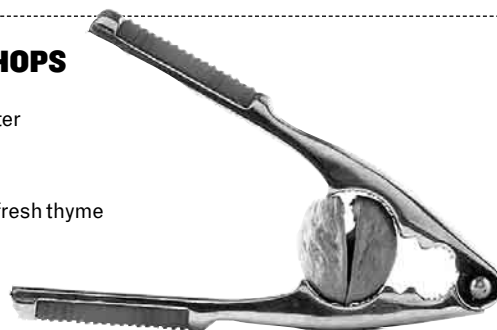


LAST CHANCE: The well-received production of Sam Shephard's "Fool for Love" gives back the ring after Sun., Oct. 12. Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; 410-772-4900.

WALNUT-AND-CHEESE-STUFFED PORK CHOPS

4 (1 1/4-inch thick) pork chops, about 2 1/2 pounds
salt
1 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
1 teaspoon minced shallots

1 1/2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup Cognac
2/3 cup creme fraiche
1/4 teaspoon minced fresh thyme
pepper



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→ Pat the pork chops dry and sprinkle with salt to taste. Slash the fat on the edge of each chop through to the meat in three places.

→ Cut a pocket in each pork chop nearly to the bone and almost the length of the chop, leaving only about one-fourth to one-half inch of meat uncut at either end.

→ Toast the walnuts in a small dry skillet over medium heat until they begin to brown, 3 to 5 minutes, stirring continuously. Set aside to cool.

→ Combine the toasted walnuts, blue cheese and shallots in a small bowl and mix thoroughly. Spoon 1 to 1 1/2 tablespoons of filling into the pocket of each pork chop. Reserve the remaining filling. Press the sides of the pocket together and seal them closed by threading a toothpick

through both sides.

→ Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat. When the foam has subsided, add the pork chops and cook until lightly browned on one side, about 5 minutes. Carefully turn and continue cooking on the other side until it is similarly browned.

→ When the chops are browned, remove them to a plate; cover with another plate to keep them warm. Pour off the fat from the skillet and place the skillet over high heat. When all of the meaty bits that have stuck to the bottom of the pan turn brown (about 2 minutes), add the Cognac and cook until it reduces to less than one-fourth cup of light brown liquid. This will take only a couple of minutes.

→ Reduce the heat to medium-

low and whisk in the creme fraiche. When it begins to bubble around the edges, whisk in the reserved filling and the thyme. When the liquid begins to bubble again, return the pork chops to the pan and reduce the heat to low.

→ Cook, covered, about 3 to 4 minutes on each side. When the pork chops are done, a paring knife should penetrate the meat fairly easily. Keep an eye on the liquid and if it begins to reduce too much, lower the heat again. Remove the chops to a platter, remove the toothpicks and ladle the sauce over the top. Serve immediately.

TOTAL PREP TIME: 50 minutes

SERVINGS: 4

Shelling Out

COOKING | Taste a raw walnut and what you'll find is something that, despite a good, pleasing crunch, is complex and sweet but subtly so — nearly to the point of blandness. The main note is a hint of something from the peel that leaves your mouth a little puckered and bitter.

Toast that nut, though, and you'll taste something completely different. The flavor blossoms, rich and roasted. The aroma is deeply fragrant and completely delicious.

It's simple to do. If you have a lot of nuts, use the oven. (Use a skillet for smaller quantities.) Put the shelled nuts on a jellyroll pan without any oil and bake at 350 degrees. Stir every couple of minutes and take a good whiff when you do: The surest indicator of when the nuts are done is that they become aromatic. This will take 5 to 10 minutes.

Add walnuts to a cookie or a pie crust recipe and you'll see that immediately. You don't even need



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A crisp autumn salad layers endive leaves, mushrooms and walnuts.

to roast them beforehand — both are thin enough to allow the nuts to toast during the baking.

Walnuts are perfect for fall salads, especially when paired with ingredients that are slightly sweet, such as pears or fennel, or a bit bitter, such as Belgian endive.

Because walnuts spoil fairly quickly, people who do a lot of baking like to buy now and freeze them for later. But be sure to pick up a couple of bags of plain old nuts in their shells as well. They'll last all winter. RUSS PARSONS (L.A. TIMES)

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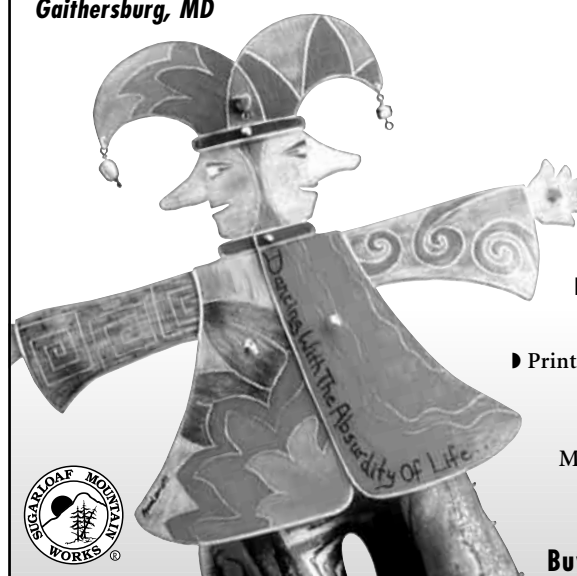
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WINE | During the autumnal equinox last month, a handful of winemakers in Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino performed what looked like a pagan ritual in their vineyards. They packed cow horns with fresh cow dung, then buried them among their grape vines.

It's just another day in the vineyard for the followers of biodynamic farming, a kind of organic fundamentalism that's gaining credibility in premier wine regions around the world. It may look, at first, like the lunatic fringe, but the most respected names in Burgundy are among the biodynamic faithful: Domaine Leroy and Domaine Leflaive have used biodynamics since the late 1980s. The more recent California converts include such prestigious wineries as Benziger, Bonterra, Joseph Phelps and Araujo.

The theory is that vineyard soil

has had the life sucked out of it by the overuse of chemical pesticides and herbicides. Unless those life forces can be brought back, the grapes will not yield wines that truly reflect the "terroir," that difficult-to-define sense of the place where the grapes are grown. To that end, biodynamic vintners adhere to a cookbook full of vineyard rituals, potions and other metaphysical practices that have more in common with religion than viticulture.

Skeptical as our testers were, after tasting 14 biodynamic wines, the group found them complex and full of character. For a list of certified biodynamic growers, go to the Demeter Association Web site (www.demeter-usa.org). To find the wines, try the Organic Wine Co. in San Francisco (www.theorganicwinecompany.com). **CORIE BROWN (L.A. TIMES)**

BIODYNAMIC WINES: THE TASTE TEST

Here are the standouts, in alphabetical order. Wines that have been certified biodynamic by Demeter, which controls use of the term, are noted.

2002 BENZIGER ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC, Sonoma Mountain, \$20. Big and rich, but not over-oaked; classic expression of Sauvignon Blanc fruit.

2000 BENZIGER ESTATE ZINFANDEL, Joaquin's Paradise, Sonoma Mountain, \$45. Highly extracted, yet somewhat elegant, with surprising complexity. 2001 Domaine Eugene Meyer Gewurztraminer, Alsace (Demeter certified), \$17. Luscious and pleasantly minerally, with generous litchi aromas.

2001 MARC KREYDENWEISS KRITT PINOT BLANC, Alsace, \$13. Rich with layers of flavor, pretty floral aromas and a beautiful, long finish.

2001 MARC KREYDENWEISS, ANDLAU RIESLING, Alsace, \$13. A wine with nice minerality, a classic petrol nose and bracing acidity.

1999 DOMAINE LEFLAIVE PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, Cote-d'Or, \$75. Well-structured and beautifully balanced, with an



WALLY SKALIJ/L.A. TIMES

earthy elegance and flavors that turn somersaults on the palate.

1998 CHATEAU ROMANIN LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE (Demeter certified), \$28. Herbal and well-structured, with attractive red fruit aromas; more complex than one would expect of the region.

2000 SINISKY VINEYARDS MERLOT, Los Carneros, \$27. Elegant and well-balanced, with a pleasing ripe plum bouquet and a beautiful finish. **CORIE BROWN (L.A. TIMES)**



WHAT'S COOKING

Live Online

Calling all foodies: Post online producer and culinary expert **KIM O'DONNEL** talks shop Tuesdays at noon on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

I'm having a party this weekend and I need vegetarian fare that's inexpensive to prepare and preferably doesn't need to be served hot.

White bean spread with rosemary, garlic, cayenne, olive oil, even a pureed roasted pepper mixed in; spiced nuts; your very own hummus.

How do you roast greens?

Roasting is a painless, moron-proof way of cooking hearty greens. Throw washed, dried, chopped greens into a pan; spritz with olive oil; add salt, pepper, garlic if you like, chiles too; roast at 350 until done. It should take about 15 minutes.



What does one do with kumquats? Are they eaten whole or peeled?

The skin is edible, so you can pop them in your mouth whole. Try slicing them up for salads.

What can we use for piecrust now that "pure" vegetable shortening is said to be full of killer trans-fat?

I use butter in my pie dough. It's definitely a healthier option than vegetable shortening. I haven't experimented with soy-based spreads, but I think that's worth a look. Dough can be made with olive oil, but you need to make sure you've got the right proportions before diving in.

I have fully enjoyed the veggies of summer. What are some fall and winter vegetables I can look forward to instead of the pasta and sweets that lead to winter pounds?

Sweet potatoes could become your new best friend. Roast them and they turn into golden sweet jewels. They're loaded with antioxidants. Season with garlic, olive oil, serve by itself or with spinach, whatever you like. And lentils! I love 'em this time of year.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN RESPONSE TO yesterday's letter about the high noise level in Washington, I respectfully ask the reader: Are you serious? This is one of the most high-energy cities in the world. If it's quiet you seek, move to the country.

—WENDY JO SCALLEY
Edgewater, Md.

THE BIG APPLE WAS my city of reference when reading Mr. Paturca's letter on Wednesday about what he believes to be excessive noise in Washington.

When I moved here I was stunned about just how quiet a city of this magnitude was. I think there are far fewer sirens blaring, cop cars racing through the streets, and rude, loud drivers trying to make the streets into a scene from "The Fast and the Furious." I almost miss the constant assault on my eardrums that is part and parcel of New York City.

—COLLEEN FLANAGAN
Arlington, Va.

WHAT AN AWFUL choice of a photograph of Arnold Schwarzenegger for your front page story on Wednesday. He looks like a demented frog. Next time try for a better perspective.

—MARY OSTROWSKI
Rockville, Md.

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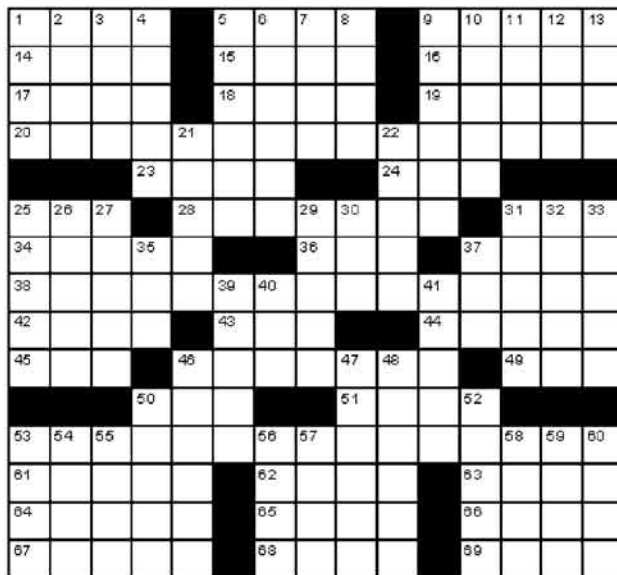


Crossword Puzzle | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Cogitate (with "on")
5 Togo's chief port
9 Boca ____, FL
14 Many a returning soldier
15 Kingly name
16 Playing marble
17 Shakespeare villain
18 Timber dresser
19 1995 animated film
20 Take a decisive step
23 Punch-line reaction
24 Break a Commandment

- 25 ____jogg
28 Paroles
31 Speedometer letters
34 Prima donna's repertoire
36 Memorable time
37 Flier's feat
38 Take a decisive step
42 Auction site
43 Poem originally intended to be sung
44 "Laughing" critter
45 Three Gorges project
46 "A Nation of Immigrants"
49 Scale notes
50 State touching Can.
51 Earn
53 Go too far
61 Non-national



- 62 It might go into a pot
63 "____ each life..."
64 Short-tailed lemur
65 Freight car hopper, perhaps
66 Is unable
67 Shoe forms
68 ____ for business
69 "____ the night before Christmas..."

DOWN

- 1 With it
2 Use one of the senses
3 "Cogito, ____ sum"
4 Nike symbol
5 Hate
6 Passe
7 Puzzle of perplexing paths

- 8 At some time
9 Leporid
10 From square one
11 Bath powder ingredient
12 "The Iron Chancellor" Bismarck
13 Bright light in the big city
21 Taco condiment
22 Frequent drink
25 Defeated at chess
26 Resort west of Curaçao
27 King of Tyre
29 Seamstress
30 "... man ____ mouse?"
31 Suburbanite's tool
32 It gets off the ground
33 Georgetown team
35 Where or how preceder
37 Conversation opener
39 "____ is an island..."
40 JFK preceder
41 Denim alternative
46 Handsome young man
47 Drink
48 Shipping unit
50 Without energy
52 King's proclamation
53 Court security
54 Skeletal unit
55 Purges
56 Audio feedback, of a sort
57 Haberdashery, e.g.
58 Chew like a mouse
59 Eruptive spot
60 Bibblers

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You're too interested in pleasing those around you. Do what has to be done, regardless of any criticism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Focus on things in a more exclusive manner. You've been trying to do too much at any one time of late. Concentrate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may feel as though you're merely in the way throughout much of the day. The truth is, you are serving an invaluable function.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keep things light and lively all day long and your efforts will be appreciated by all. You may require some time alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Avoid being fickle; take what comes, even if you don't think it suits the situations or your immediate needs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may want something that is unavailable to you. A message is being sent to you through unorthodox channels. Be sure to pick it up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A new addition to your professional family may be affecting things in an unexpected way. It's time to sit down and talk it out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be reaching further than usual. Your efforts may be rewarded in a most unusual fashion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may not be entirely ready for something just around the corner. With some quick thinking you can make up for what you don't know.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're sure to get a great many comments as a result of your unusual methods. There are those who don't understand — but they will.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's time to set things straight where a friend is concerned. You've been letting a misunderstanding fester for far too long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Others will wonder what you're up to throughout much of the day. The payoff will be tremendous if you're able to keep a secret.

CALIFORNIA AFTERMATH

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post Associate Editor **ROBERT G. KAISER** was online Wednesday to discuss the aftermath of the California recall.

How is Arnold Schwarzenegger going to solve the financial crisis of California? If he doesn't find a way out soon, will he not also be faced with a recall?

This question is, of course, The Big One. Americans have not got a very realistic view of how much government costs. In California, voters have trapped their state government by passing referenda demanding spending on various beloved things, but they have also denied government the revenue needed to pay for all of them and ordinary government functions, too.

Will Arnold have to move left of center to govern effectively with a heavily Democratic legislature and will doing so alienate the Republican base that helped to get him elected?

I think he has been in the center for two months. That's why McClintock ran so fiercely against him. There's no way Schwarzenegger can impose a right-wing agenda on California with the current legislature in place, but nor has he signaled any desire to do so.

Can the situation in California be extrapolated to the national stage and voters' dissatisfaction with the direction of the country today? If so, will voters maintain this anger going into next year's elections?

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Ballroom on West 34th Street and tried squeezing into her limousine. Kappos' brother, Van Kappos, told the Daily News that his brother isn't dangerous, just "infatuated." (AP)

BABIES There Are Worse Names

Actor **JASON LEE** and girlfriend Beth Riesgraf have named their newborn son Pilot Inspektor, Lee announced on buddy Kevin Smith's Web site. E! Online says the actor's publicist confirmed the name, saying the couple wanted something unique. (EXPRESS)



Princess Diana's mum says she never received condolences from the Queen.

DIANA STUDIES Mother Knows Best

FRANCES SHAND KYDD, mother of Princess Diana, wants to set the record straight. And what better way to do so than via authorized biography? (Or a blog, of course.) "Frances: The Remarkable Story of Princess Diana's Mother," a buzz generator at this week's Frankfurt Book Fair, insists that the irreparable estrangement portrayed by the press was just a blip in Shand Kydd's relationship with Diana. (EXPRESS)

RECALL Fair Game

She didn't win the recall, but adult film star and gubernatorial candidate **MARY CAREY** did win The Game Show Network's "Who Wants to be Governor of California" contest. The "Hot Showers 6" star plans to donate her winnings to needy strippers and Parkinson's disease research. Her message to Arnold: "If you ever need any advice or want to grope another girl, call me." (AP)



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APOLOGIES Whew — Britney's Safe

Maryland's first lady apologized Wednesday for saying she would "shoot Britney Spears" if given the chance. Kendel Ehrlich, wife of Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich, said that although



she now regrets the comment, made at an address given last week at Hood College, "I think most people know that it wasn't meant in any literal sense at all." She said that she'd like to apologize to Spears personally, and she suggested that the performer stage a concert in Maryland to raise money for domestic violence awareness. (AP)

MONARCHIES New Inroads by Commoners

Denmark's **CROWN PRINCE FREDERIK** and his Australian fiancée greeted thousands of people from a palace balcony shortly after their engagement was announced Wednesday. **MARY DONALDSON**, a lawyer from Hobart, Tasmania, met Frederik during the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. She is the first Australian-born woman to stand in line to become a European queen. However, she must first become a Danish citizen and join Denmark's Lutheran Evangelical Church. (AP)



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